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SPECIAL
SHAREPOINT
IWEB
EDITION!

Introducing your new iweb!

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On February 18, you'll see a sleek new home page when you open the intranet. The home page is the first step in transitioning to Microsoft SharePoint from the existing Oracle portal.

Why are we switching to SharePoint?

Portal technology will not be supported within the next few years. SharePoint replaces outdated applications with off-the-shelf, improved features. It is a Microsoft product, so it integrates with the District's existing Microsoft Office desktop software. Employees will find it easy to use and understand.

How do I navigate the iweb?

Note the three icons in the upper left corner — Home, Menu and Favorites. The Home icon will appear on all SharePoint pages.

Click open the Menu icon for easy access to key information (see page 2). For now, links will go to current portal pages until they are migrated to SharePoint during the coming year. Information on the new iweb will be grouped functionally rather than organizationally as it is now.

"Favorites" on your existing intranet portal home page (not Internet Explorer) will be moved to SharePoint.

Highlights on the new home page will feature District news stories, photos and updates. Click on the headline to read the full article, and click on Highlights to access all articles. You'll also regularly find

tips for using SharePoint, especially as new features are rolled out.

This is the last issue of *Freddy's Flash* you'll receive in this format. Under **Freddy's Flash** on the iweb, you'll find the same type of content that normally appears in this employee newsletter. It will be updated continually rather than just once a month.

Under **Announcements**, you'll find many of the same notices that also appear in the weekly "News You Can Use" email, now posted in a more timely way.

Calendar, Quick Links, Weather, Poll and **Feedback** are all familiar items that remain on the home page. If you click "more" under Calendar, you'll find links to the training and public meetings calendars, as well as the monthly birthday list.

SFWMD iweb

Home Menu Favorites

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people Search...

Highlights

Construction Groundbreaking to Improve Everglades Water Quality
At an expense that will help send clean water to America's Everglades, the South Florida Water Management District on Jan. 16 marked the beginning of construction on a key project in the State's Restoration Strategies plan.

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February 2014 Service Anniversaries
Thank you to these employees for their years of dedication to the water resources and citizens of South Florida!

2013 Employee of the Year
Congratulations to **Walter Wilcox**, 2013 Employee of the Year. Walter led a multi-agency team comprised of modeling staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior and the District. This team provided modeling and analyses support for the Central Everglades Planning Project.

2013 Team of the Year
Congratulations to the interdisciplinary Land Assessment Team of **David Foote, Andrea Schluter, Sarah Franklin, Kimberly Montero, Ray Palmer, Susan Bennett, Jane Walters** and **Jeremy Ashton** who worked tirelessly for an entire year on the statewide priority of successfully completing a comprehensive, District-wide land assessment.

January 2014 Employee of the Month
Congratulations to **Brian Garrett**, Scientist 3 in the Operations, Maintenance and Construction Division. As the District's wildlife coordinator, Brian Garrett monitors and assesses wildlife populations — especially those that are threatened or endangered. He works with state and federal wildlife regulators to resolve wildlife issues that have the potential to effect critical District operations

January 2014 Team of the Month
Congratulations to the Statewide Environmental Resource Permitting Team of **Hugo Carter, Beth Colavecchio, Jennifer Krumlauf, Susan Martin, Mindy Parrot, Erica Tyska-Gould** and **Cathy Widness** participated in a year-long effort with the state's water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to revamp the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) rules to ensure statewide consistency and reduce regulatory burdens on the public.

Announcements

Cisco WebEx is coming to the District!
The replacement to Cisco Meeting Place Express, Cisco WebEx will be available February 17. This software will allow District users the ability to collaborate with colleagues across our organization via audio and web conferencing. Meet online and share presentations, information and expertise. Although Cisco WebEx will be available February 17, users will still be able to access Cisco Meeting Place Express until May 15 for previously scheduled meetings. Visit the IT [self-help section](#) for more information on Cisco WebEx. Contact: **Manny Tavaréz** (x6093)

Mark your calendar for the Chili Cook-Off on March 6
Cast your vote in the poll for which charity the cook-off should benefit. Think you've got the recipe to win? Register as a chili chef by February 27. The categories are vegetarian, southwest, spicy, anything goes and white. The winner of each category receives a \$25 Chili's gift card. We also need chili lovers to serve as judges for the event. Stay tuned for details. Contact: **Nathan Ralph** (x6914)

Carpet cleaning at the Headquarters campus
Carpet cleaning at the Headquarters campus will be ongoing during the next three months. B-1: second floor on February 8 and third floor on March 1; B-2: first floor on March 8, second floor on April 5 and third floor on April 12. Contact: **Craig Nyhuis** (x6472)

Calendar

02/18 Cigna EAP webinar
03/06 Chili Cook-Off

Quick Links

- Cafeteria Menu
- Employee Self Service/SAP
- News Clips
- Payroll Calendar
- Performance Manager

Weather

Water Conditions
Weather Forecast
Rainfall Info

Poll

Select a charity for this year's fundraisers. (Chili Cook-Off benefits one with second-most votes.)

Feedback

- Employee Suggestions
- Customer Service Survey results
- Submit story for iweb
- Cafeteria Feedback

more articles more announcements

Header Links (top right, in the dark blue banner):



Email: Opens your Web Outlook email

IT Help Desk: Opens the page for entering an IT Help Desk request

Orgs*: Takes you to the Organization Information portal page

Redline: Opens the District's internal emergency notification site

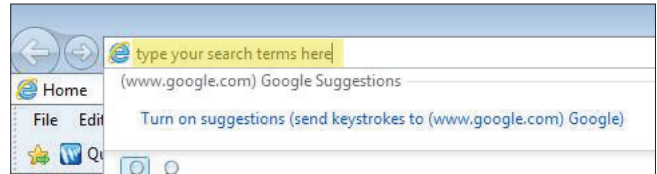
sfwmd.gov: Opens the external/public District website

Site Map*: Opens the portal site map

**You will no longer be able to access the current portal home page once the iweb goes live. Site Map and Orgs are good resources for finding information on the remaining portal pages.*

Searching Internally:

The iweb search box (pictured at left) gives you two options to search internal content. Use "people" to look for an employee's profile, which lists the phone extension and email address. Select "intranet" to search all internal content.



Searching Externally:

Did you know that you do not need to go to Google.com to search for something on the World Wide Web? Simply type the search terms in the Internet Explorer address bar at the very top of the screen. A page will open with Google's search results.

For assistance with the iweb, contact the IT Help Desk (x6080).



The "mega menu" provides easy access to key information. For now, links will go to current portal pages until they are migrated to SharePoint during the coming year.

Can I customize my home page?

The new iweb has one look for all users. The clean and minimal design loads quickly and minimizes the demand on IT servers. Currently, every time you open the existing portal, your customized page has to be "built" individually. This is inefficient and places a tremendous load on the District's servers.

Along with the new home page, every employee will have a profile page automatically populated with the employee's name and contact information. Later this year, employees will be able to edit their profiles and add a photo and other information.

Will training be offered?

Training will be offered in the Auditorium (and webcast) near the end of March. Employees who have been designated as Content Administrators by their Bureau Chief will be contacted by **Julie Lyons** and **Kimberly Montero** when it is time to work on their content. They will receive more training at that time.

Can I access the iweb from home? From a mobile device?

Yes! You can access the iweb from home the same way you access portal now. Go to www.sfwmd.gov, scroll to the footer and click "Login." SharePoint content will also be available on any mobile device, anywhere, increasing access to work-related information for mobile users.

Who manages the iweb?

The redeveloped iweb is a collaborative effort between the Information Technology Bureau and Office of Communications. Content management and governance differs depending on the type of page. Home page content is overseen and managed by the Office of Communications, with coordination through Julie Lyons (x2508).

Content for common business function information, such as employee benefits and computer self-help, is managed collaboratively by the Office of Communications and designated Content Administrators throughout the District.

What's next?

Phase 1 — the content migration process — will take most of this year. After all of the portal content is moved into SharePoint, work will begin on Phase 2 — the addition of collaborative project and team sites, which are also features of SharePoint. A project site can be temporary (e.g., SCADA System Study), while a team site is continual (e.g., Records Coordinators). Project and team sites allow information and document sharing, and site owners will be responsible for the content and granting access.